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Dear Mr. Redman:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed December 21, 2005, in the above-styled patent application, please amend the application as indicated and consider the appended remarks. Please find enclosed Amendments to the Claims, including Status of All Claims. believes that the present amendment, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.116(b), places the rejected claims in better form for consideration and in condition for allowance.

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